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## College Named For Statesman

The bronze statue of William Jennings Bryan pictured above stands in the Statuary Hall in the Rotunda of the National Capitol in Washington, D. C. Executed by Rudolph Lee, it was unveiled in 1937, on the Seventieth anniversary of Nebraska statehood. The statue is 6 feet and 10 inches tall and cost \$27,000, which was paid by the subscriptions of Nebraska citizens.

The immediate connection of Bryan College with William Jennings Bryan is that Mr. Bryan, during his stay in Dayton in 1925, suggested that a prep school and junior college for men be established on one of the hills surrounding the town. After his unexpected death on July 26, 1925, local sentiment crystallized in the organization of Bryan Memorial University Association, the purpose of which was to establish an institution in honor of

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## William Jennings Bryan Centennial Climaxed in Colorful Convocation

### Bryan's Granddaughter Gives Address

Mrs. Rudd Brown, of Los Angeles, Calif., granddaughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, was the guest speaker at the Bryan College Founders' Day convocation held on March 20 at the local high school to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the birth of Mr. Bryan. The service was begun with an academic procession including the faculty of the College; delegates from other institutions and professional organizations; representatives of the alumni association, the board of trustees, and the advisory committee; and student flagbearers and choir members.

In her address entitled, "Politics and the Responsibility of Citizenship," Mrs. Brown urged the audience to "become involved in some degree" in government. She pointed out that people acting through city, county, state or national government "will determine how

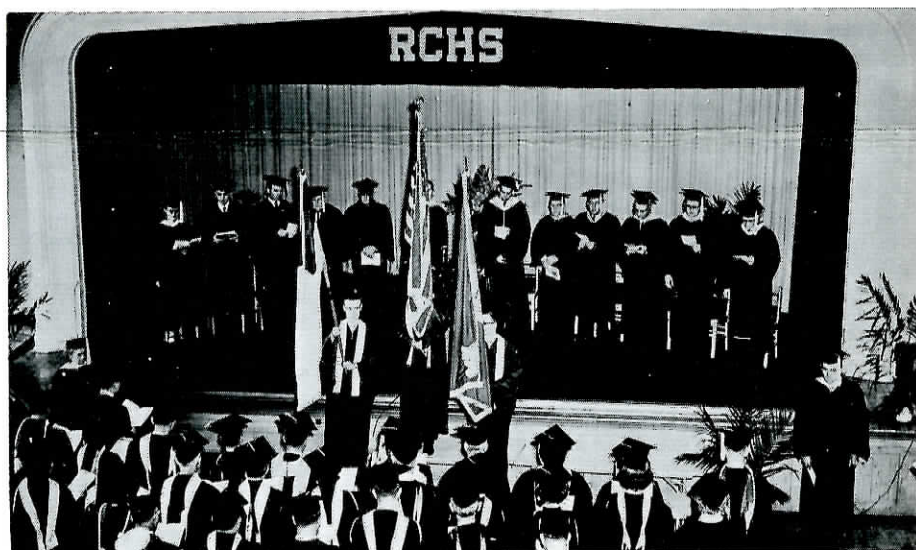
we live in the years ahead."

Mrs. Brown spoke at length of her grandfather's political career and told a number of anecdotes from his personal experiences. "Most of all," she said, "my grandfather was in tune with the times, aware of current problems and the ones for years ahead."

Mrs. Brown was introduced by Chancellor Glenn Woodlee, a member of the board of trustees, and following the convocation was honored by the Dayton Business and Professional Women's Club at a reception in the high school library.

With the address by Mrs. Brown recognition was given at the convocation to the political career of Mr. Bryan, and by the concluding portion of the anniversary service attention was drawn to the religious emphasis of his

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The academic procession on March 20 is pictured as the participants in the program and representatives took their places on the platform and the faculty and delegates occupied the front rows of the Rhea Central High School auditorium at the Bryan College Founders' Day Convocation climaxing the centenary celebration in honor of Mr. Bryan.





Pictured above are the six seniors selected for recognition by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in their 1959-60 listings. They are: Leonard Durbin, John Rynders, Leona Wyckoff, Betty Shoesmith, Jerry Day, and Greta Sorrell.

### SIX SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Based on nomination by the faculty, honors were equally divided between man and women for recognition of six upperclassmen at Bryan by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for the current academic year.

**Leonard Durbin**, of Bridgeville, Pa., who is a graduate of Oak Hills Training Institute of Bemidji, Minn., has maintained an honor list status as a Christian Education major at Bryan and is this year student council president.

**John Rynders**, of Minneapolis, Minn., a French major who is extending his college work to a five-year program, has been an active student leader, a member of the college choir and the gospel messenger teams, and a four-year man on the college varsity basketball squad.

Serving as head bookkeeper for the College for the past two years, **Leona Wyckoff** of Cedar Springs, Mich., has also been an honor list student who is majoring in elementary education. As treasurer of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, she receives and disburses contributions in the Missionary Fund and is active in other student organizations. She came to Bryan as a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute of Grand Rapids, Mich.

**Betty Shoesmith**, a lone representative of Arkansas, is an elementary education major, whose name regularly appears on the honor list. She has been president of the Bryan chapter of the Student National Education Association and secretary of her class and of the Bible Memory Association.

Three years president of his class, **Jerry Day**, of South Bend, Ind., maintains a high scholastic standing and is also an active sportsman in football and basketball. Outside the college he maintains a home for his wife and two children and serves as music director at the First Baptist Church of Spring City, Tenn.

**Greta Sorrell**, of Erlanger, Ky., in addition to being an honor student, was editor of the college yearbook of 1959, is a vocalist and accompanist for the gospel messenger teams, and an active participant in basketball and volleyball. This year she is also serving as secretary to her senior class and to the student council.

### Land Granted for Preserve

A gift of approximately 150 acres of virgin timber land on Walden's Ridge near Grandview, Tenn., was recently presented to the College by a local friend who prefers to remain anonymous. This preserve, which is located about 20 miles from the College, will be used for botany field trips by the College and as an exhibit to the public of one of the last remaining virgin timber areas in Eastern Tennessee.

The location of the timber tract is identified as Devil's Hole Gorge and includes two water falls which are at least 86 feet high—Upper and Lower Piney Falls. The section contains virgin hemlock, poplar, and oak and an unusual variety of plant life. The mountainous terrain which includes the gorge estimated to be from 500 to 600 feet in depth provides a virtual paradise for nature lovers and mountain climbers.

## Prospective Student Visitors Treated To Valentines and Snow

Twenty-five area and out-of-state high school students were visitors at the College Feb. 12-14 for the second annual high school guest week end. A similar number who had sent reservations were detained by the heavy snow storm that limited transportation in many areas including East Tennessee.

The Rev. David Hoy, youth worker and missionary candidate of Louisville, Ky., was the featured guest speaker for the Sunday vesper service and also the entertainer at the Friday evening all-college party with his magic, mental telepathy, and predictions.

The activity program for Saturday included an intercollegiate basketball game with Martin College and a valentine dinner with crowning of the King and Queen of Hearts. The piano concert scheduled for the evening was postponed until Monday night to accommodate the artist, George Riabikoff, whose arrival was also delayed by the storm. A number of the high school guests were able to hear Mr. Riabikoff on Monday morning when he and Dr. Karl Keefer, dean of the College, played the Tchaikowsky's Concerto in B Flat Minor for two pianos.

## Bryan Cited For Promotion Success

Bryan College was one of twelve member institutions to receive citations of merit at the annual meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges held in Boston in January.

The certificate of merit was presented by Dr. Wilson Compton, honorary chairman of the Council's Board of Advisers, to President Mercer for success in promotion and public relations during the past year, particularly in the use of the November New York TIMES supplement devoted to small colleges and the McGraw-Hill publication, **The Small College Meets the Challenge**.

Also on his trip to Boston Dr. Mercer attended a conference of the Association of American Colleges along with 700 educators from over the United States, and then he visited a workshop on adult education and community relations at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont.



## CHAPEL SPEAKERS

- Dec. 10 **Rev. Larry Lunceford**, TEAM missionary to Korea  
 Jan. 11 **Rev. J. L. Morris**, TEAM missionary to Venezuela  
 Jan. 14 **Rev. Harold Longenecker**, representative of Rural Home Missionary Association  
 Jan. 15 **Bill Cook**, home director of Evangelical Schools of Central America  
 Jan. 25 **Mrs. Bess Cornell**, European Evangelistic Crusade  
 Jan. 26 **Rev. Shockley Few**, director of Youth for Christ, Columbia, S. C.  
 Jan. 27 **Rev. John Dunlap**, principal of Norfolk (Va.) Christian Day School  
 Feb. 8 **Dr. Norman B. Harrison**, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Feb. 9 **Charles Moore**, representative of Major Ian Thomas' Capernwray Missionary Fellowship, England  
 Feb. 12 **George Blood**, Young Life worker, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 Feb. 17 **Gerald Hobart**, field secretary for National Home Missions Fellowship, East Lynn, W. Va.  
 Feb. 18 **Miss Helen Nichols**, Village Missions, Kansas City, Kan.  
 Feb. 22 **Ted Marsh**, missionary from Central American Mission  
 Feb. 24 **Miss Helen Odenwelder**, regional director of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Lancaster, Pa.  
 Feb. 29- **Dr. Leon Morris**, vice president of Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia, Mar. 2 and visiting professor, Columbia Theological Seminary  
 Mar. 9 **Ross Lyon**, Foreign Missions Fellowship representative of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship  
 Mar. 10 **Dr. Lloyd Perry**, Gordon College, Beverley Farms, Mass.  
 Mar. 16 **Rev. Clayton Hurlbut**, representative of Bible Christian Union, Inc., New York, N. Y.  
 Mar. 21 **Dr. Norman P. Grubb**, general secretary of Worldwide Evangelization Crusade  
 Mar. 23 **Donald G. McDonald**, public relations representative of Dupont Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Mar. 25 **Rev. Herbert Scott**, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Holland, Mich.  
 Mar. 28 **Thomas Taylor '54**, professor at Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Mar. 29 **Rev. George Birch '48**, missionary with Sudan Interior Mission, Nigeria.  
 Mar. 31 **Rev. Brandt Reed**, director of High School Evangelism Fellowship, N. Y.  
 Apr. 5 **Rev. George Goodman**, Country Parsons Lighthouse, Inc., Maryville.  
 Apr. 25-29 **Rev. A. Edwin Wilson**, Southern Hebrew Testimony, Chattanooga.

## FMF SPONSORS 13th CONFERENCE

At the 13th annual conference of the Foreign Missions Fellowship chapter held in February with the theme, "The Vision and the Vineyard," the speakers were Dr. Francis R. Steele, home director of the North Africa Mission, and the Rev. George M. Black, general director of the Soldiers and Gospel Mission of South America.

Representing the 120 alumni of the College who are serving on the foreign field, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crumley '52 and family of four children were guests at the conference while on furlough from Belgian Congo. The Crumleys, who plan to return to their field in the near future under the Berean Mission, showed pictures of their work in Africa.

A highlight of the conference was the ingathering of pledges amounting to \$1,700 with additional pledges expected from alumni and other friends for the Bryan Missionary Fund which distributes its contributions among the Bryan alumni who are serving in forty different countries of the world. In the past six years since the Fund was established, \$21,000 has been handled through the F.M.F. Missionary Fund Committee treasury.



**Dr. Furman Miller and Donald Hill**, professors in Bryan's education department, are shown above with **Carolyn Drummond**, a senior education student, as they examine the Arts and Crafts display prepared by students in the elementary education department for a January showing at the college.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINED AT 3-DAY CLINIC

At the break between semesters on Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, the Christian Education department in cooperation with the Rhea County Ministerial Association sponsored a Sunday school teachers' clinic conference. Speakers and display materials were furnished by the Gospel Light Publications for the three-day conference sessions.

The Rev. De Los Holmes, Regional Director of Education Services, and Miss Eva Cornelius, Christian Education Consultant, shared the general sessions and the divided group workshops to present training in worship, methods of teaching different age groups, and the development of the Sunday school program in the church.

The participation of approximately one hundred teachers and pastors in the area was a gratifying response to the program which was coordinated by Miss Luella Loewen, head of the Christian Education department.

### ATTEND BRYAN'S 27TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

**June 5**

8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service  
*Dr. William Kerr '39*

**June 7**

10:00 a. m. Graduation Exercises  
*The Honorable Ralph Brooks,  
Governor of Nebraska*





Mrs. Rudd Brown is shown standing at the Bryan Centennial Birthday banquet on March 19 as she read greetings from her uncle, William Jennings Bryan, Jr. At her right are Mrs. Mercer, Dr. Mercer, and Mrs. Long; and at her left are Dr. Long, chairman of the board of trustees; R. L. Bryan, of Bartow, Fla.; Mrs. Shelton and H. J. Shelton, of Dayton.

#### Centennial Convocation

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life and of the college which perpetuates his name and his faith. Following the reading of two Scripture selections, Psalm 97 and Revelation 21, the college choir sang "Worthy is the Lamb," and "Hallelujah Chorus," from *Messiah* by Handel.

#### Banquet Honors Historic Persons

On March 19, the exact date of William Jennings Bryan's birth, the centenary Bryan birthday banquet was shared in the college dining hall by 240 faculty, students, and guests. Special personalities introduced at the banquet to give remarks were R. L. Bryan of Bartow, Florida, a distant relative of William Jennings Bryan and a member of the college board of trustees who operates a "seed to the shelf" citrus business; H. J. Shelton of Dayton, who was a member of the high school biology class taught by John Thomas Scopes; Mrs. C. V. Biddle, of Knoxville, a national officer in the Women's Christian Temperance Union advocating prohibition which was so forcefully promoted by Mr. Bryan; J. B. Goodrich of Dayton, a member of the jury which tried Mr. Scopes in the evolution case of 1925; and Mrs. Rudd Brown, Mr. Bryan's granddaughter, who read a message from her uncle, William Jennings Bryan, Jr.

Miss Jean Sentz, a senior student from Hot Springs, N. C., sang two vocal selections, and Miss Jimmie Woods with her violin was accompanied at the organ by Dr. Karl Keefer to provide chamber music as the guests arrived.

#### Bryan Orations

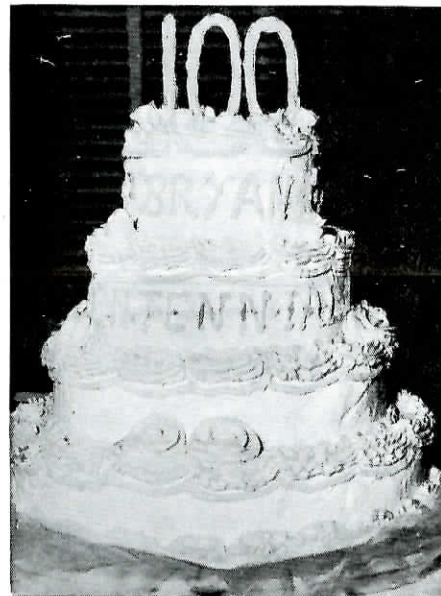
As the concluding feature of the program, guests heard the two finalists in an oratorical contest shared by four students who gave selections from Mr. Bryan's speeches. For his rendition of a portion of "The Cross of Gold," Philip Hobson, a freshman from Decatur, Ill., was awarded the first place prize of \$10. Competing orator, Alan Winkler, a senior from Sale Creek, presented "The Prince of Peace." Other contestants to share the earlier elimination contest at a chapel session were James Fickley, junior from Pittsburgh, Pa., and Ronald Hardin, freshman from Houston, Texas.



Philip Hobson stands between the American flag and the new Bryan flag as he delivers his oration from "The Cross of Gold" by William Jennings Bryan.

#### Centennial Cake

A colorful four-tiered birthday cake, which was the center piece for the speaker's table at the banquet, was served on Sunday afternoon at the reception for Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Ray Green of Dayton baked the cake and decorated it with a lavish display of yellow roses and border trimmings on a white background.



The yellow and white cake to honor the memory of Mr. Bryan on the 100th anniversary of his birth was a focal point for the table decorations at the annual Bryan birthday banquet.

#### College Named for Bryan

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and to be named for Mr. Bryan. In 1930, the original corporation was reconstituted and the institution was chartered as "The William Jennings Bryan University."

The institution developed as a four-year coeducational college of liberal arts in the religious tradition of evangelical Protestantism; and in 1958, the title university was dropped for the more accurate term college.

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